

CONFIDENTIAL
WEEKLY HOT ISSUES REPORT for RA/DRA Region 8
Week ending December 2, 2016

OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEMS PROTECTION AND REMEDIATION

This Week

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS AND REGULATORY ASSISTANCE

This Week

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Last Week

UPDATE ON UINTAH & OURAY (U&O) AIR PROGRAM PROPOSED FEDERAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (FIP): On November 15, 2016, several members of the Ute Indian Business Committee (BC), tribal attorney, Jeremy Patterson and other Ute Indian representatives met with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to discuss the Tribe's concerns with EPA's proposed U&O FIP. The main concerns expressed were the EPA's inadequate consultation with the Tribe, the need for a streamlined minor source permitting rule for new sources once the area becomes nonattainment and the proposed FIP is more stringent than what Utah requires on state lands. On November 16, this tribal group met with Office of International and Tribal Affairs and Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) and expressed the same concerns. OPRA, Air Program and Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards management have set up a December 1, meeting with the Tribal BC and tribal reps to discuss and respond to each of the Tribe's principles related to Resolution 16-075 for the U&O FIP. In addition, we have prepared responses to OMB's latest (November 10) interagency comments. Considering the Tribe's issues OMB heard during the November 15, meeting, we want to meet with the Tribe before we send our responses to OMB. We will then have a better understanding of the Tribe's position on the FIP and can inform OMB about our meeting, as well as provide our responses to the latest interagency comments.

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OFFICE OF TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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OFFICE OF WATER PROTECTION

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